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HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has recommended to make higher education more expensive;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has accepted the said recommendations; and

(d) if so, the basis thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): In the XI Plan document, the Planning Commission has, inter-alia, suggested that since most university students come from top 10% of the population by income levels, they would be able to pay fees amounting to 20% of the operating cost of general higher education. The fees for professional courses could be much higher. The fee levels should, therefore, be increased gradually in existing institutions but the new norms could be implemented in new institutions from the start.

(c) & (d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has constituted a Committee to formulate regulations for admission and fee structure for self-financing, private, professional institutes including deemed to be universities, and also for self-financing and aided courses in aided Universities/Colleges.